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Attached is a response to Office Action dated January 27, 2004 from Examiner John M. Winter.

Regards

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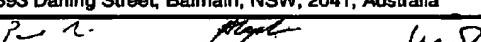
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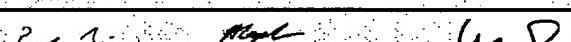
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Total Claims	-20** =	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1806 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
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1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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Other fee (specify)			
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AMENDMENT D

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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